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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed August 8, 2002 has been received and reviewed. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time are included with this response, extending the date for response from November 8, 2002 to December 8, 2002. As December 8, 2002 was a Sunday, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.7, the response due date was extended to Monday December 9, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 17, 19, and 20, as follows. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

1. (AMENDED) A pressure sensitive adhesive fiber comprising:  
a pressure sensitive adhesive component; and  
a minimicrofibrous organic polymeric reinforcing material within the pressure sensitive

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